

# THE REHEARSAL.

1. The Address in my Last Confirm'd by that of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Kirk.
2. Both Equally against Toleration.
3. The English Dissenters Advis'd with in the Case.
4. What Union they wou'd be Content with.
5. The Sanguhar Declaration, in the Year 1703.
6. Of the English Dissenters and their Vindicator.
7. They sent down some of their Ministers to Scotland upon the Union.
8. Their Joint Sense Declar'd by their Vindicator.
9. Explains their Clamours here against our Liturgy, Ceremonies, &c.
10. And their Vindicator his Answer to the High-Church Challenge.

WEDNESDAY, July 16. 1707.

(1.) Country-man. **I**T was a Special Address you gave us last time, Master; and has Clear'd

the Point fully to me, what they mean by an Union with England. And how far they will suffer Us to Enjoy our Episcopacy in England, when they can Help it, tho' their Presbytery is Establish'd to their Hearts content in Scotland. This Explains what you told me before of the Address of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Kirk, if it needed Explanation. For they Plainly Declar'd against the Parliament of England having Liberty to Secure the Church in England in like manner as their Kirk had been Secur'd to them in Scotland. No, by no means, for ther was not the same Reason! These are Good Men! And True to their Principles!

(2.) They stand it out still upon the Point of Toleration; against which the Commission of the General Assembly did likewise Remonstrat, and call'd it Establishing Iniquity by a Law. (as you told me before) And this Address do's Deteft and Abhor it in Scotland; but is very Tender lest their Friends shou'd be Depriv'd of the Benefit of it in England. And give a good Reason for their Fear, Since (as they say) it will no doubt be Plead'd, that the Dissenters in both Parts of the Nation should be Equally dealt with.

(3.) Rehearsal. O the Sincerity of these Pious men! Is Toleration the Establishing of Iniquity by a Law? And wou'd you have this Iniquity Establish'd in England? Is it a Pious and Good thing there? And wou'd it Promote the Cause? And for the same Reason, is it Naught and Abominable and an Utter Sin in Scotland?

Come on ye English Dissenters, let your

Sincerity too be Prov'd here a Little! what say you to this Argument of your Dear Brethren in Scotland? Why shou'd not the Dissenters in both Parts of the Nation be Equally dealt with? Are you against Equal Dealing? Your Brethren say, this will no doubt be Plead'd. No doubt it may be Plead'd. Whether it will or not I know not. And I as little know what Answer you can give to it. Unless you will own the Motto has been given you by them that know you, To do no Right, and take no Wrong.

But after all, this Address says, They are not against an Union! Can you tell what they mean?

(4.) Country-m. Ay, they tell us what sort of Union they wou'd be at, even as this Address words it, an Union in the LORD, that is, as it Explains it self, such as may be Consistent with our SACRED COVENANT, to have Prelacy quite Extirpated in England, and their Solemn League and Covenant sent hither as it was Before! This is Plainly their Meaning, and as I am told they Pray for it Daily in their Churches, that is, for the Conversion of England from its Superstition and Idolatry!

(5.) And I have not forgot the Declaration you shew'd me in Print a good while ago, which was fix'd up, at Noon Day, by 700 men in Arms, upon the Market Cross of Sanguhar a Royal Borough in Scotland, and Order'd to be Dispersed through the Nation, where in the Name of all the True-Presbyterians in Scotland, they Renounce Ann Princess of Denmark from being their Queen, and for this Reason, because she had Promis'd, upon her Accession to the Crown, to support and maintain the Church of England, as by Law Established. And they say, That  
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England having been once a Covenanted Kingdom, lies still under the Obligation, and ought to Return to the Covenant again; And that they are Oblig'd never to Cease their Endeavours to Promote it. This Declaration is given Us Verbatim in the Wolf-Stript. Appendix. Num. 2.

(6.) *Rehears.* I suppose you are now satisfy'd as to the Inclinations of the Presbyterians in Scotland, to let Us Quietly Enjoy our Episcopacy in England. The next thing was to see how the English Dissenters are Dispos'd as to this Point. And for this we have very good Light given us in a Book lately Printed here at London, about 3 Months ago, Intituled, *The Dissenters Vindicated; or A Short View of the Present State of the Protestant Religion in Britan, &c.* It is wrote by a Remarkable Agent of the Presbyterians in England, who has long been Employ'd by them as their Publick Vindicator here; which he still Continues: And he was sent down by them last Winter into Scotland, to manage their Concerns as to the Union there; where he stay'd a long time, and Performs the Part of their Vindicator to their Brethren in Scotland. For you must know, That the Presbyterians in Scotland have great Suspicion of the Integrity of the Presbyterians in England, because of their Occasional Conformity, and Trimming. And this Vindicator's Work now is, to Clear the English Presbyterians to their Brethren in Scotland, and to shew, That they are as Fierce and Stiff against Episcopacy, as the most Zealous in Scotland, And therefor fit to be Trusted by them; And that they shoud be no Division among them, in Carrying on their Joint Interest and Cause. This is the Happy Union he is now a Labouring.

(7.) You must know likewise, That besides this Vindicator, the Presbyterians in England sent down to Scotland some of their Preachers, while the Union was before the Parliament there, to Concert matters with the Presbyterian Preachers there. The Vindicator makes use of their Authority and Attestation to the Truth of what he says, therefor I mention this here, that we may have his Proofs clear before us, without Interruption of Explaining them as we go. And now I will tell you what he says.

(8.) He says, p. 27. "I have living Testimony now in this Place, who have heard most, if not All the Dissenting Ministers of England that have been here, Declare in their own Names, and on Account of their Brethren in England, that it is the General Opinion of the Dissenters in England, That if the Church of England would Abate their whole *Liturgy, Habits, Ceremonies, &c.* Yet that they could not Conform, meerly on Account of Episcopacy; And if it shall be of any Weight to Add my own Testimony, I declare I have Heard them

"Universally Profess the same thing in England."

(9.) *Country-m.* This is Plain Dealing indeed! This is what you told us from the Beginning. You said this was in their Heart, and that their Out-Cry against our *Liturgy, Ceremonies, &c.* was nothing but to Catch the Populace, and to have an Occasion to Raile at our Church, and Represent her as so Un-Mercifull and Im-Moderat, that she woud not Part with a Hair of a Ceremony, or the least Indifferent thing, to Reconcile all the Dissenters in the Kingdom! But you told us all along, That this was only a Grimace, and that if we shoud give up our whole *Liturgy, Habits, Ceremonies, &c.* as was done in Scotland ever since the Restoration, 1660, they woud be as far from Conforming here, as they were there; for that their Principles were the same, and the Ground and Foundation of their Quarrel was Episcopacy. And now they have verif'd to a Tittle all that you have said. After all the Hard-words they have given you, for your want of Moderation, and having so Uncharitable an Opinion of the Dissenters, because you said OF them the same Words that their Advocat now says FOR them.

(10.) *Rehears.* And the same Advocat who wrote *The Dissenters Answer to the High-Church Challenge*, as he Calls it. The Challenge was, That they woud name those Indifferent things, which, if Given up, they woud Conform and Heal the Schism. And to do him Right, he did not say they woud Conform if they were all Given up. Yet still he Clavum'd for not giving them up—And bid us Try, Try, and Give up This and That, how did we know what Good it might do! By which we see his and their Design, and their Sincerity! It was only to Laugh at us, to make us Disgust the true Members of the Church, but not gain the Dissenters.

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